

Shelby County Board of Commissioners



Commissioner Mike Carpenter

District 1, Position 3

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Commissioner Carpenter was elected to the Shelby County Board of Commissioners in the August 2006 general election to represent District 1, won the 2010 Republican Primary with 78% and was unopposed in the August general election.

Commissioner Mike Carpenter's priorities have been criminal justice, government efficiency, conservation, education funding and women and children's issues. He currently serves as Chairman Pro Tempore of the Commission and as chairman of the General Government Committee and vice-chairman of Budget and Finance.

Commissioner Carpenter is also a member of these committees:

- Law Enforcement, Fire, Corrections & Courts
- Economic Development & Tourism
- Community Services
- Legislative

Mr. Carpenter is a team leader for two Operation: Safe Community strategies - increasing the number of prosecutors and addressing the domestic violence epidemic. In that role, he has secured 9 new prosecutors and was instrumental in the establishment of a dedicated domestic violence court.

Mr. Carpenter is a strong advocate for children and issues affecting women. He is chairman of the Shelby County Domestic Violence Court Steering Committee. Commissioner Carpenter sponsored the creation of the Office of Early Childhood and Youth, fought for increased funding for Infant Mortality Reduction and also championed the Child Impact Statement (CIS). These efforts produced a web-based reporting tool that currently assists elected officials and community leaders in their understanding of the impact that certain policies or legislation can have on children, youth and families in Shelby County. Commissioner Mike Carpenter's distinguished public service has earned him the Jim Rout Victim Advocate Award and he was the first recipient of the Harry Burn Award.



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As a new commissioner in 2007, Carpenter served as chairman of the Conservation Committee. In that role he sponsored and championed the Shelby Farms Park Conservation Easement, the governance structure and management agreement with the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy and the master plan to create America's premiere 21st Century park. He is a member of the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy Board of Directors and played a vital role in securing the former rail line that is now Shelby Farms Greenline, a new multi-use seven mile community amenity that stretches from Midtown to Shelby Farms Park.

Mr. Carpenter is president and CEO of the West Tennessee Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). ABC is a commercial construction trade association that promotes free enterprise and open competition throughout the industry. Locally, Carpenter serves 200 member companies representing approximately 8,000 employees while managing the daily operations of the association and its 501(c)3 Education Trust which is dedicated to skills assessment, craft and management training for the construction industry.

Mr. Carpenter is a graduate of the University of Memphis with a degree in political science and international relations. Commissioner Carpenter is married to Mary Ann and the couple has four children, J. Michael, Taylor Ann, Polly Marie and Lily Beth. The Carpenters are active at First Evangelical Church where Mike has served in the children's ministry teaching Sunday school and coaching soccer for nearly 15 years.

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